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March 24, 2003

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
State of Louisiana  
Post Office Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

RE: HEARING APPLICATION  
Alternate Unit Well  
U HOSS SUG & PET SUG  
O'Brien Energy Company - Pyle 20 No. 1 - Alt. Well  
West Arcadia Field  
Bienville Parish, Louisiana  
Our File No. 360135.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of O'BRIEN ENERGY COMPANY, application is hereby made for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Upper Hosston Formation and the Pettit Zone in the West Arcadia Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize the O'Brien Energy Company - Pyle 20 No. 1 - Alt. Well, at the exceptional location shown on the unit plats attached hereto, and to designate said well as an alternate unit well for U HOSS SUG and PET SUG, in exception to the well spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 692, effective April 1, 1965 and Order No. 692-B, effective April 1, 1966.
2. To explicitly find that the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to drain a portion of the Upper Hosston Formation and the Pettit Zone in the West Arcadia Field, underlying U HOSS SUG and PET SUG, respectively, which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well in such units.
3. To provide that the unit allowable for U HOSS SUG and PET SUG, respectively, may be produced from either the unit or substitute unit well, the alternate unit wells, or both, at the operator's discretion.

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4. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Upper Hosston Formation in the West Arcadia Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, is fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 692, effective April 1, 1965.

The Pettit Zone in the West Arcadia Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, is fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 692-B, effective April 1, 1966.

The Rules of Procedure of the Commissioner of Conservation pertaining to the Pre-Application Notice requirements are not applicable to the hearing requested herein, which requires legal notice of only ten (10) days.

Pertinent data concerning the intended application will be made available for inspection at the offices of O'Brien Energy Company, 5925 Line Avenue, Suite 7, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Alan Brittain at (318) 865-8568 during normal business hours or write Mr. Brittain at the above address, in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

A list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (as defined in the Rules of Procedure) is attached hereto, and a copy of this notice, with the annexed plats, is being sent to each of such persons. A reasonable effort has been made to determine that the enclosed list includes all of the persons to whom this notice must be sent under the Rules of Procedure.

A check in the amount of \$1,510.00 made payable to the Commissioner of Conservation is enclosed herewith as the statutory fee for holding the requested hearing.

This application is being filed in duplicate, and a copy hereof is being sent to Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager of the Office of Conservation and to each Interested Owner, Represented Party and Interested Party whose name is shown on the attached list.

Very truly yours,

BLANCHARD, WALKER, O'QUIN & ROBERTS

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport  
District Manager, Office of Conservation  
(w/enclosures)

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plats only)

R 6 W

PET SU D  
640 ± ACRES

EL PASO  
JONES

17-1  
9800'

PET SU E  
640 ± ACRES

18 17

17 16

19

PROP. ALT. UNIT WELL  
O'BRIEN ENERGY COMPANY  
PYLE 20-1-ALT.

D. KENDRICK, JR.

2750'  
GOLDSBERRY OPER.  
(CRYSTAL)  
KENDRICK

21 SMITH OPER.  
KENDRICK  
1-ALT.  
8000'

DUANE PYLE, ET UX

1-ALT.  
8514'

PET SU G  
640 ± ACRES

CRYSTAL  
(ARKLA)  
JONES

20 1  
(7026')  
7835'

G. JONES

DORA F.  
McCULLIN

GROVER JONES

C. JONES

BLACKBIRD CO.  
G.A. JONES

O'BRIEN ENERGY COMPANY  
SPEER

1  
7880'

CRYSTAL  
FLEMING

1  
7922'

20-1  
7900'

19

MRS. V.L. SPEER

PEYTON SPEER

21

30 29

29 28

KCS-MEDALLION  
REED

1  
8000'

CRYSTAL  
(HANBURY)  
HOLSTUN

1  
7502'

EXHIBIT NO. 1

DOCKET NO.

O'BRIEN ENERGY COMPANY  
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

WEST ARCADIA FIELD  
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL  
FOR PETTIT SAND UNIT G



:PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL



:EXISTING PETTIT WELLS



:EXISTING SUBSTITUTE PETTIT UNIT WELL

0' 1000' 2000' 3000' 4000'

:EXISTING PETTIT SAND UNIT G

:EXISTING PETTIT SAND UNITS

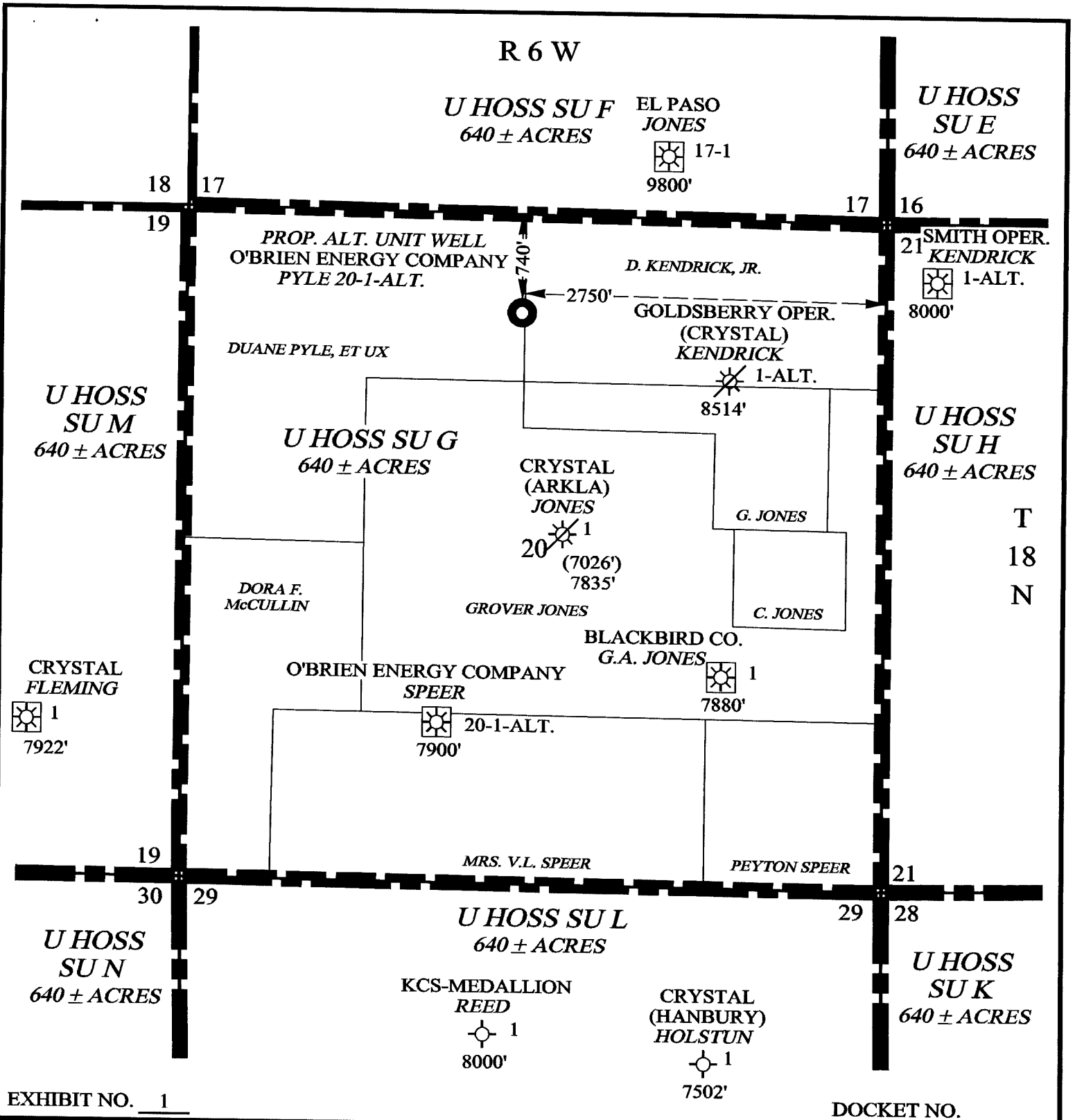


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SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

**WEST ARCADIA FIELD**  
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA  
**PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL  
FOR UPPER HOSSTON SAND UNIT G**

